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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PAKISTAN, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY,
IRAN; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

PAKISTAN

¶1. "PAKISTAN'S PROBLEMS," editorial in June 24 right-of-center Gujarati daily, GUJARAT SAMACHAR: "There is not going to be an end to the problems faced by Pakistan despite its receiving enormous aid from America. This is because most of the aid is utilized to amass weapons against India and the remainder gets distributed among those in power. Besides, Pakistani leadership is devoid of any policy to fight extremist elements within Pakistan. The result is that the Taliban is making swift inroads while the government watches as a mute spectator."

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

¶2. "DAYS OF U.S. SUPREMACY ARE OVER," op-ed in June 23 centrist Hindi daily, DAINIK BHASKAR: "U.S. dominance faced its biggest challenge at the BRIC summit in Yekaterinburg, Russia, recently. The indications from the summit confirmed that U.S. dominance, at least in economic matters, is headed toward its end. The

dollar's standing as the international currency has already taken a beating. The way it was openly challenged in Yekaterinburg has perhaps never happened before. At the BRIC summit, the issue of finding an alternative to the dollar was on top of the agenda. But this was not mentioned openly in the summit joint statement, because India did not express much interest. Long-term strategic relations with the U.S. are clearly a priority for the Manmohan government. But U.S. supremacy over the world is in jeopardy."

IRAN

13. "IRAN ELECTIONS: PROBLEMS WITHIN," op-ed in June 24 centrist Marathi daily, LOKMAT: "The post-election violence in Iran is a definite worry for the world. The turmoil in Iran poses a dilemma for the world. Speaking up in support of the protesters or keeping quiet -- both of these options are risky."

14. "U.S. INTERFERENCE IN IRAN," editorial in June 23 centrist Hindi daily, NAI DUNIYA: "The voices of protest in Iran are getting shriller and shriller. But Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei has adopted a tough posture, and is not in favor of re-polls. President Obama has urged Iran's government to stop all violent and unjust actions against its own people. President Ahmadinejad has asked the US not to interfere in Iran's

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internal matters, even as the powerful Jewish Israeli lobby in the U.S. is demanding direct intervention by Washington. When will the US and Britain stop meddling in the affairs of other countries? They do not want to give the Iranians a chance to sort out their problems internally. Whether the West likes it or not, Ahmadinejad is a popular leader with a wide support base. The West is making a big mistake in overestimating the strength of the Moussavi camp and further antagonizing the people of Iran."

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